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1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON PRE-IG REVIEW OF HAITI CASP ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS REFTEL.

2. CONCUR DOD PRESENTATION LEVEL OF \$200,000 FOR FY-75 MAP-T (TABLE 1, ANNEX A). (THAT IS, 95,000 WE RECOMMENDED FOR MAP-T--ARMY-AIR FORCE--PLUS 60,000 WE RECOMMENDED TO MAP-T--NAVY--PLUS ADDITIONAL 45,000 FOR ARMY-AIR FORCE TRAINING RECOMMENDED BY DOD TO COVER, WE ASSUME, COST INCREASES OVER ORIGINAL 1972 SURVEY TEAM RECOMMENDATION.) CONCUR \$140,000 RESOURCE LEVEL FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE COURSE OF ACTION A2-2.1. CONCUR CHANGE IN NATIONAL DEFENSE "LOC" FROM "HIGH" TO "MEDIUM."

3. WE PREFER INCLUDING IN TABLE 1, ANNEX A, A PROJECTED REQUIREMENT OF \$5 MILLION IN AID LENDING FOR FY-76.

4. CONCUR PEACE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE'S VIEWS AND WELCOME PROPOSED PROGRAM.

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5. DO NOT RPT NOT CONCUR IG STAFF PROPOSAL TO LOWER LDC'S FROM

"MEDIUM" TO "LOW" FOR CONTROL OF MOVEMENT, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND FAVORABLE DISPOSITION OF HAITIANS BECAUSE:

A) COMPATIBILITY WITH THE LEVEL OF CONCERN WE HAVE EXPRESSED FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE IN GENERAL AND RECOGNITION OF THE INCREASING SERIOUSNESS OF NARCOTICS SMUGGLING THROUGH CARIBBEAN WATERS REQUIRE A LEVEL OF CONCERN OF "MEDIUM" FOR NAVAL TRAINING FOR CONTROL OF MOVEMENT..

B) THE RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD LATIN AMERICA WHICH THE U.S. HAS TRAQTIONALLY UNDERTAKEN AND RECENTLY REAFFIRMED AT MEXICO CITY AND ATLANTA, THE MAJOR CHALLENGE OFFERED BY THE EXTREME POVERTY, ILLITERACY, MALNUTRITION AND DISEASE IN HAITI, THE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT BY ALL BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AIDE DONORS ON THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, THE SENSE OF THE JUDMENTS EXPRESSED BY RECENT CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS, ALL DICTATE A "HIGH" LEVEL OF CONCERN FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE COUPLED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORT REALLY CONSTITUTES THE ULTIMATE RATIONALE FOR ANY AID PROGRAM IN HAITI. DOWNGRADING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH OUR HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION OF \$5 MILLION IN LENDING LEVEL FOR FY-76.

C) THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE WHICH THE GOH ATTACHES TO ENGLISH TEACHING TO FACILITATE THE ACQUISITION OF TECHNICAL SKILLS NECESSARY FOR ECONOMIC PROGRESS, AND THE RECENT RECONSTITUTION OF THE HAITIAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNDER A DYNAMIC AND WELL-CONNECTED CHAIRMAN WHO IS MOVING TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BI-NATIONAL CENTER, PROVIDE BOTH A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF U.S. INTERESTS WHICH CAN BE MET ONLY BY ADDITIONAL U.S. EFFORTS NECESSITATING AT LEAST A "MEDIUM" LEVEL OF INTEREST.
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